



*St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Of Crofton and Gambrills*



*Newsletter
September 2022*

The Pastor's Focus



Pastor Teklu completed his radiation treatments at the University of Maryland Medical Center on Wednesday, August 24. In this photo he is ringing the bell at the hospital to celebrate this milestone on his journey. "Ringing the Bell" has become a tradition at many medical centers to recognize patients who have completed radiation, chemotherapy, or other treatment regimens. We congratulate our pastor on this step! Please continue to pray for Pastor Teklu and his family as he moves forward with his treatment protocol.

September 2022 Services at St. Paul's

- September 4 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:15 am Liturgical Worship Service
10:30 am Praise and Worship Service
- September 11 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am Worship Service
10:30 am Education Kick-Off in Fellowship Hall
- September 18 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:15 am Liturgical Worship Service
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Praise and Worship Service
6:30 pm The Well
- September 25 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:15 am Liturgical Worship Service
9:30 am Sunday School, Adult Bible Study
10:30 am Praise and Worship Service

Sanctuary Flowers

The sanctuary flowers sign-up board for 2022 is posted in the narthex. If you would like to provide the flowers for a Sunday during 2022, please write your name on the board for the appropriate Sunday. Please sign up as early as possible, but no later than one week before your chosen Sunday. The cost is \$10.00. Please make your check payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and forward or hand it to Bernice Prescott. Please write "Sanctuary Flowers" on your check.

Providing flowers for the sanctuary is a wonderful way to honor a special occasion or person, remember a loved one, or give glory and thanks to the Lord. You may remove the flowers after the second service or they will be appropriately donated. Flowers are not placed during Lent or Advent. If you have any questions, please contact Bernice at 410-570-5277 or bernice.prescott@yahoo.com.



Daily Devotions

Daily devotions are available through Lutheran Hour Ministries devotions; www.lhm.org. You are encouraged to connect via the link or download the app to your phone.

Prayer Requests

If at all possible, please list the need for the prayer. If the request requires long-term prayers, please indicate so and let the office know when it should be removed. Prayer request cards can be found in the narthex and on-line. Please contact the office at info@StPaulsCrofton.com if you have any questions! *Long-Term Prayers:*



Bob (health issues); John Abel (health issues); Preston Arnold; John Bagley (health issues); Phyllis Ball (health issues); The Blake Family – Dave and John; JoAnn Breitbach (health issues); Michael Capello (health issues); Peta Capello (health issues); Christopher Chaise; Nicole Copinger (health issues); Marianne Foreman (health issues); Jon Hakulin (health issues); Ruth Hakulin (health issues); Don Howard (health issues); Einar Jenstrom (health issues); Sev Kellam (health issues); Pastor Teklu Ketema (health issues); Bob Larkin (health issues); Janet Mox (health issues); Sally Myer (health issues); Jackie Blondin-Oetken (health issues); Al Oetken's sister Mary Ann (health issues); Jim Q. (health issues); Kay Rudolph (health issues); Joe Schmidt (health issues); Dr. Jim & Kay Smith (health issues); Brian Spencer (health issues); Dick Sulken (health issues); Marge Ware (Bill Corwin's Aunt); Dawn Watson and her husband (health issues); Michael Zimmer Jr. & family (health issues); Linda Craig's sister Tracy (health issues).

Please pray for our members and friends serving in the military and as first responders: Jameel Barrows, Melissa Barrows, Joe Felsentreger, Jake Godboldte, Dylan Harris, Rachel MacCumbee, Scott MacCumbee, Dan Mitchell, David Sturgeon, Brian Wolford, and their families.

September Recognition

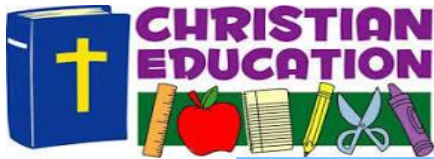
Over the summer months of June, July and August, a dedicated team has developed and executed a community outreach program known as, "The Well". Instead of twice a month for an hour on Saturday afternoon, the Well is conducted one Sunday evening per month from 6:30pm - 8:00pm. The format features a short worship message, songs that all ages know, games, snacks and a fire pit for everybody's favorite, s'mores! Designed to be held outside, inclement weather in July forced everyone into Fellowship Hall for a fun, impromptu evening of B-I-N-G-O!

Many thanks to the dedicated team leaders, Erin and Dan Mitchell. In addition, thanks to the following who have lent their time and talent to ensure the success of the Well:

Cyndie Dixon
Jane Felsentreger
Marj and Jerry Kane
David Sturgeon
Diane Segelhorst
Penny Courtney
Linda Craig
Linda and Zac Huffman

The final Well outing for 2022 is scheduled for Sunday evening, September 18. Everyone is encouraged to come out to enjoy the fun and fellowship.

Blessings to all,
Zac



CHURCH FAMILY FEUD Education Kick-off Celebration!

Sunday, September 11
following single service @ 9:30 a.m.

Waffle bar + Church Family Feud

Kick-off event for ALL ages of Christian education classes - children through adult!

Sunday morning education classes for Sunday School and Youth Group begin on September 18 at 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible study begins on Sept 25 at 9:30.



Sunday school for ages Kindergarten through 5th grade will take place in the classroom at the end of the hallway downstairs.

Youth Group for 6th-12th graders will take place in the large classroom downstairs.



Adult Bible study will take place in the Fellowship Hall with a study on the book of Romans.



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The Well

Sunday, September 18 (date change) will be the last The Well from 6:30-8 p.m. The first half hour will be a short devotional service with songs and a lesson, followed by VBS Express for the kids from 7-7:30, and yard games, fellowship, s'mores, and more for everyone from 7-8 p.m. Meet us outside in the big parking lot.

OUTREACH TEAM News

Penny Courtney, pennycourtney@yahoo.com

We are changing the way we support the Food Bank of Crofton Christian Caring Council. St. Paul's has been assigned a specific food category to provide for the month of September.

Macaroni and Cheese!!



Please be sure to include a couple of boxes of macaroni & cheese for the Food Pantry when you do your grocery shopping each time in September. A basket for your donations will be set up in the narthex, probably under the tall cafe table on the right hand (office) side of the narthex. Kindly put your food donations there and they will be delivered to the pantry located at Elizabeth Seton RC Church parish on Route 424.

If you would prefer, you can contribute to this effort by cash or a check made out to CCCC Food Pantry and drop your contribution in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary or mail it to St. Paul's, 1370 Defense Hwy, Gambrills, MD 21054.

Many thanks for your generous support to help neighbors in need!!

Lutheran World Relief Outreach - School Kit Bags

Many thanks for the generous donations of school supplies!

Also, special thanks to the ladies

who made attractive, sturdy bags for these items:

Dorothy Clark

Linda Grimaud

Kate Hausner

Donna Larkin

Judy Parker

Joan Spencer

During our Rally Day Celebration on Sunday, September 11,
we will be able to put together 100 bags for children around the world!

Come with hands ready to assist our kids and youth assemble these bags of love!





Quilt Sale!

If you are not tired of hearing about this year's "Quilt Sale" then read on. Once again the dates are Friday, Sept, 30th, 10 am till 9 pm, Saturday, Oct 1st, 9 am till 6 pm, and Sunday, Oct 2nd, 8 am till noon. This event has gotten so big and eventful that we have asked church members to help set on Tuesday Sept 27, at 6:00pm and take down on Sunday Oct 2, at noon. That is the time the Quilt Raffle Ticket will be drawn. Good Luck! Some of our church ladies have also helped with the sale. Please speak with Dorothy Clark if you are interested in helping. Too many spoons in the pot spoil it and coming at the wrong time will not be helpful.



I didn't lie about the raffle quilt; it is beautiful and many of you want it. You all must know by now that all of our projects are made with donated fabrics. Therefore, we cannot duplicate anything exactly, but perhaps because of your interest in this quilt we can make something similar for next year's sale. Your opinion and suggestions are important to us, so give us your ideas on the registration forms.

Please attend this year and use the information in the Narthex of the church to pass the word on to others.



St. Paul's Needs You!



Musicians

The Contemporary Worship praise band, “Whatever”, needs vocalists and instrumentalists (drummers, guitarists, keyboard players) for the Praise and Worship Service. All levels of talent are welcome! Practice is only one hour per week. Please let Pastor know, Pastor@StPaulsCrofton.com, if you are interested in making a joyful noise to the Lord!

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC DIRECTOR POSITION AVAILABLE:

St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Crofton, MD, seeks a musically gifted, strong Christian leader with a passion for music to lead our Sunday morning contemporary worship service. This is part time, approximately 15 hours per week. Primary responsibility is to plan, lead and inspire the playing of music for Sunday morning contemporary worship service. The music director should be an accomplished musician, skilled instrumentalist / vocalist with experience leading a worship team; they will select music for and rehearse with the praise band, and provide music for special services, occasional community outreach, and fellowship activities.

Please contact: president@stpaulscrofton.com for more information.

Ushers

We need volunteers to serve as ushers for both the Liturgical Worship Service and the Praise and Worship Service. If interested, please contact Jane Felsentreger – 410-721-7519 or mjfelsentreger@outlook.com.

Save Your Pull Tabs for Ronald McDonald House

The aluminum pull tab project that supports Ronald McDonald House is still alive and active. Please continue to save them and bring or drop off at church. Judy Parker (bob.judy@comcast.net) and the Ronald McDonald House thank you!



Men's Coffee – Weekly, Every Wednesday

Come join us at Wegman's every **Wednesday morning at 9:00** for coffee and conversation. On the **last Wednesday of the month** we meet at Nautilus Diner for breakfast. All men are welcome! For more information contact Bill Corwin, 410-721-2165.



Ladies' Breakfast – Monthly, Fourth Thursday

We will meet on **Thursday, September 22nd, at 8:30 a.m.** at Rip's Restaurant in Bowie, MD. Come and bring a friend. We all need fellowship! Any questions or thoughts call Jane Felsentreger at 410-721-7519 or email mjfelsentreger@outlook.com.



Book Club



Monthly, Third Monday

Our next Book Club meeting will meet on **Monday evening, September 19th, at 7:00 pm** via zoom. This month's book selection is The Mysterious Mrs. Christie by Lawrence Anthony. For more information, please contact Dana Brown or Sandi Corwin. Contact Sandi Corwin at sacorwin1001@gmail.com for ZOOM access information.

Ladies' Lunch – Monthly, Second Tuesday

The next Ladies' Lunch will be Tuesday noon, September 13th, at G&M Restaurant, 804 N. Hammonds Ferry Rd., Linthicum Heights. All ladies are invited to attend and are encouraged to bring a friend.

For those wishing to carpool from the church, please contact Marj at kane3426@verizon.net. Hope to see you there!



SUNDAY'S WORSHIP BULLETIN...

(HAVE YOU REALLY LOOKED AT IT?)

Have you ever really looked at our Sunday bulletin? Or do you think its usefulness ends with the end of the service? There is a ton of information inside that single sheet of paper. Let's take a look together!

The front of the bulletin begins with the church's name and a mission statement. Then the church's address and contact information.

(That's great! I don't need to search for the church's address or phone number!) At the bottom is "As We Gather"- a short paragraph to prepare us for worship.

Inside is a short preparation for Holy Communion followed by the Order of Service. "Serving Us Today" completes the inside of the bulletin. If you are not sure of who people are, this is an opportunity to put names to faces. *(Ah! A name to a face.)*

Have you ever looked at the back of the bulletin? You really should!! Welcoming of guests is at the very top with contact information for Pastor, Zac (our president), and our office manager. The most important information for me follows – Announcements and This Week's Ministry Schedule (What is happening in our church for the coming week.). Recently the weekly attendance both in person and online are recorded. *(Contact information, weekly announcements, schedule of church activities, and the attendance – all in one place. How convenient!!)*

There is also an insert "taking faith home", a wonderful guide for daily devotions for the coming week.

So instead of returning the bulletin at the end of the service, take it home and make it a good week!

*Jane Felsentreger
Worship Team, Chair*

SPY – St. Paul's Youth



Youth sponsors Chad and Andrea Muntz actively coordinate this ministry with parents and volunteers. The long-term vision of the youth ministry is to expand as the youth begin to bring friends to future youth meetings, regular activities, and service opportunities. Chad and Andrea request your help, time, prayers, and are open to your suggestions as they move forward. Please reach out to them (Chad 301-379-0450; camuntz@yahoo.com and Andrea 301-455-9765 Muntz04@gmail.com).

Looking Ahead



Trunk or Treat

October 23rd, 2022

1:00 – 3:00

It's that time of year again! Time for St. Paul's to host "Trunk or Treat"!

Trunk or Treat is a great way to keep children safe and reach out to the community. After members of the congregation decorate the trunk of their cars, the children from both the congregation and the community stroll from trunk to truck on the west side of the parking lot and receive wrapped treats such as candy, stickers or novelty items. The kids will also complete crafts and enjoy snacks in the Fellowship Hall. The children will also receive a free pumpkin as well.

This cannot be successful without your help! Please consider participating by decorating your trunk. This can be done as a family, individual or even a group, i.e. Youth Group. Ideas for decorating your trunk can be found on the internet or complete decorating kits can be purchased on Oriental Trading. Servers and helpers with crafts are also needed.

A sign-up sheet will be located in the Narthex. Please contact Cyndie Dixon for more information at cyndixon99@yahoo.com or 410-305-4112.